

February 2016



**President’s Report  
to Senate**



**Lakehead**  
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## Office of the President

### Ontario Investing in Job Creation at Lakehead University

On February 19, Ministers Michael Gravelle and Bill Mauro hosted a media conference at our Thunder Bay campus to announce over \$1.2M in Lakehead University.

With an investment of more than \$814,000 through the province's Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC), Lakehead is creating a five-year Industrial Research Chair position in Green Chemicals and Processes. This position will be supported by 16 new jobs. Research will focus on ways for the pulp and paper and mineral processing industries to reduce their environmental impacts.

Additionally, NOHFC has invested over \$473,000 to develop and build a new Fire Resistance Testing Laboratory, creating two new jobs. This world-class facility will have a large fire testing furnace allowing engineering students to study the fire resistance of various large-scale building components, such as beams, columns and floor assemblies.

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*From left, Myself; Dr. Sam Salem, assistant professor in Civil Engineering; Dr. Andrew Dean, Vice-President, Research and Innovation; Dr. Pedram Fatehi, associate professor in Chemical Engineering; the Honourable Michael Gravelle; the Honourable Bill Mauro.*



## Lakehead University art on display in the Thunder Bay International Airport

Lakehead University is displaying paintings from the Chief Roy Michano Art Collection in the Thunder Bay International Airport.

Eight paintings are now visible throughout the airport, enhancing the space by educating and inspiring the public.

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*President and Chief Executive Officer of the Thunder Bay Airports Authority, Ed Schmidtke (left), and I unveil the Art Spot at the Thunder Bay Airport.*

## Achieve Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Research



### Lakehead announces new summer program in Ecuador

Lakehead University's *Media and Environmental Justice Movements* course will be offered in Ecuador for the first time, this spring. Providing a fascinating opportunity to experience first-hand the biodiversity of the environment in Ecuador, students will learn from local experts how media is used to protect the environment.

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## Lakehead University and Confederation College hold Therapeutic Recreation Summit

Students from Confederation College and Lakehead University participated in the Therapeutic Recreation Summit on Thursday, Feb. 11. Participants were from Lakehead's Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism program and Confederation College's Recreation Therapy program.

The summit brought together students, professionals, employers and educators involved in Therapeutic Recreation within Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario, to exchange knowledge, discuss employment opportunities and share insights regarding the Therapeutic Recreation profession in Thunder Bay.

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## Bal Ram Adhikari Wins a National Graduate Student Award

**Bal Ram Adhikari** has won the 2016 Graduate Student Award in Honour of Douglas E. Ryan sponsored by the Analytical Chemistry Division (ACD) of the Chemical Institute of Canada. Bal Ram joined the Lakehead University Biotechnology Ph.D. program in Fall 2013 under the supervision of Dr. Aicheng Chen, Canada Research Chair in Materials & Environmental Chemistry, and Dr. Heidi Schraft.

The award is open to any graduate student enrolled in a Canadian University whose Ph.D. thesis research is in a field of Analytical Chemistry. Recipients are selected based on research contribution and the excellence of academic record. The award was established in 1996, and Bal Ram Adhikari is the only winner from a small institution to date.

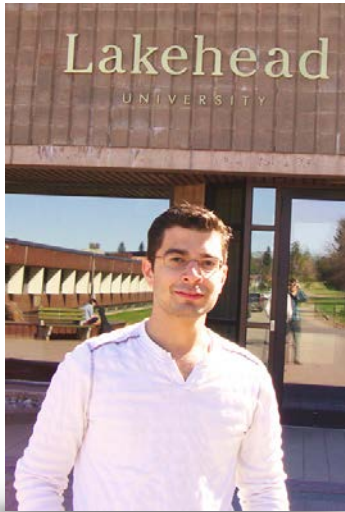


As the winner of this prestigious award, Bal Ram will attend the 99th Canadian Chemistry Conference (CSC) to be held in Halifax and give a presentation on his Ph.D. research entitled *Nanomaterials-based electrochemical biosensors for medical and environmental applications*. Immediately following his presentation at the CSC, Bal Ram will receive a plaque and a cash award of \$750. A travel grant of \$500 will be made available by the ACD to offset the cost of attending this meeting and Bal Ram will also be reimbursed for his registration to the meeting.





## Extend Community Engagement and Outreach



### College Transfer Preview Day

Our Thunder Bay campus's College Transfer Preview Day for college students and graduates took place on February 19. Our Orillia campus's College Preview Day is on February 29. These special recruitment events offer detailed information about programs, how to apply, transfer credits, and program requirement, as well as opportunities to tour the campus and meet with faculty and current students.

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***Xerxes Unwala** of Toronto took advantage of transfer opportunities after he graduated from Seneca College's Civil Engineering Technology program. He enrolled in Lakehead's Bachelors of Engineering program, receiving credit for his college program. In just two years he earned his degree, graduating in May 2015.*

### West Coast Events — Alumni Engagement and Donor Cultivation

Two West Coast Alumni Engagement events were recently held in Victoria and Vancouver. A small but dedicated group attended a lunch in Victoria, and over 70 alumni and friends attended an evening reception at the Pan Pacific in Vancouver. Frances Picherack brought greetings from the Board of Governors, Dr. Pete Hollings gave an update on CESME, and I highlighted our recent Report to the Community. In attendance was a graduate from Lakehead Technical Institute's 2nd graduating class (1951).

An organizing meeting for a Vancouver Alumni Chapter took place immediately following the reception and a second meeting is planned for February.

During my trip, I attended several meetings with Dr. Hollings to cultivate and steward donors for Lakehead's Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Mining and Exploration (CESME), as well as one meeting to solicit a gift for our award-winning steel bridge-building team.



## Enhance Support of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies

### Lakehead University Athletics and Wasaya Airways recommit to *Reach Up!*

Lakehead University Athletics has renewed its partnership with Wasaya Airways to continue the *Reach Up!* program with First Nation communities in the North.

*Reach Up!* brings coaches and athletes from Lakehead's hockey, basketball, volleyball, wrestling, Nordic skiing, track and field, and cross country ski teams to Northern communities to hold sports clinics and provide mentorship to the local coaches and youth.

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